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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 27, 2000

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:40 p.m. on March 27, 2000, at the Los Angeles River Center & Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty Six, Los Angeles, California.

2. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Jerome Daniel, Russell Guiney, Lindsey Kozberg, Michael Berger, Vice Chair, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following members were absent: Steve Horn, Mary Nichols, and Jeffrey Schwartz. Quorum present.

3. Roll call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, Kathy Caldwell, Mark Johnson, Clare Marter Kenyon, Charles McKenney, Linda Palmer, Anthony Portantino, Paul Rockenstein, Bruce Saito, Kenneth Warner, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following member arrived subsequent to roll call: David Green. The following members were absent: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Lesley Devine, Terre A. Hirsch, Patrick Hunter, John Karayan, Fran Pavley, Rick Putnam, Don Robinson, and Carolyn Van Horn. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Reva Concoff, Chief of Special Projects; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Stephanie Landregan, Staff Landscape Architect; Kimberly Yanoscik, Executive Secretary; and Colby Allerton, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General.

4. Reports

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Reva Concoff, Chief of Special Projects of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Walt Young, Chief Ranger of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

5. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Melvin Swift, representing Friends of Caballero Canyon, on item 6.

Betsey Landis, representing California Native Plant Society, L.A./S.M. Mountains Chapter, on item 6.

Jean Rosenfeld, member of the public, on item 6.

Russ Dingman, representing California State Parks, on item 6.

Helen Norman, Tarzana Property Owners Association, on item 6.

Irma Dobbyn, member of the public, on item 6.

Roger Pugliese, representing TASC, on item 13.

Herbert Peterman, representing VOICE, on item 13.

6. Consideration of a resolution: 1) authorizing the rescission of Conservancy Resolution Number 94-113 dated December 5, 1994 and subsequent project approval for the Reseda Ridge Park Plan; 2) authorizing the adoption of the Negative Declaration for Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park (formerly known as Reseda Ridge Park and San Fernando Gateway to Topanga State Park) expanded project, located at the southerly terminus of Reseda Blvd, City of Los Angeles; 3) authorizing a finding that the expanded project is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 33203.5; and, 4) authorizing a finding that the expanded project is consistent with the Mulholland Gateway Park Master

Plan.

Comments were made by the Chair that no vote would be taken on this item at this meeting.

Comments were made by the Executive Director recommending a field trip to the subject site before the next meeting.

Questions were propounded by the Chair, Mr. Brown, Ms. Marter Kenyon, and Mr. Berger.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Executive Director, Messrs. Berger, Guiney, Warner, McKenney, and Brown.

- 7. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority exchange approximately equal acreage of the Farlow property (APNs 2064-006-012 and 013) for adjacent property owned by Cardinal Liberty Incorporated for enhancement of the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor, City of Agoura Hills.**

The presentation was made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Messrs. Edelman, Kishbaugh, and Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-26.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-26.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 8. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Palo Comado Ranch, Tentative Tract No. 52396, City of Agoura Hills.**

The presentation was made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-27.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-27.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Notice of Preparation for Tentative Tract No. 52566, 22450 Mulholland Highway, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

This item was postponed.

- 10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Notice of Consultation for Tentative Parcel Map No. 25062, 2625 North April Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

This item was postponed.

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Mitigated Negative Declaration for Canyon Hills Apartments, 4700 Las Virgenes Road, City of Calabasas.**

This item was postponed.

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Draft Environmental Impact Report for Castaic Lake Water Agency Proposed Annexation 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 and Associated Transfer of Water Entitlement, Santa Clarita Valley.**

This item was postponed.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Notice of Consultation for Tentative Tract Map No. 50992, 3699 Topanga Canyon Boulevard, unincorporated Los Angeles County. [Coastal Zone item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded by the Chair, Messrs. Brown and Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Chair, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Kozberg, and Messrs. Kishbaugh and Brown.

Mr. Kishbaugh recommended that the letter be amended to include Mr. Brown's comments.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-32.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-32.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Initial Study for Tentative Parcel Map No. 24602, 33057 Mulholland Highway, unincorporated Los Angeles County. [Coastal Zone item]

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh and Ms. Kosberg.

Comments were made by the Chair, Messrs. Brown, Edelman, Kishbaugh, and Ms. Kosberg.

Mr. Kishbaugh recommended that the letter be amended to include comments by Mr. Brown, the Executive Director, Mr. Daniel and Ms. Kosberg.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Saito, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-33.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-33.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Initial Study for Tentative Tract Map No. 52715, Placerita Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

This item was postponed.

16. Consideration of resolution confirming comment letter on draft Environmental Impact Report for Oakmont View V, City of Glendale.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Messrs. Portantino, Kishbaugh, and Ms. Marter Kenyon.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Portantino, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-35. Mr. McKenney was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-35.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

17. Presentation and consideration of land acquisition evaluation criteria for projects funded by Propositions 12 and 13 as approved by the voters March 7, 2000.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item, and recommended discussion of this item but that no vote would take place on this date.

Comments were made by Ms. Angle, the Executive Director, Messrs. Rockenstein and Brown.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Kishbaugh and McKenney.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Chair, Messrs. Brown, Portantino, McKenney and Ms. Angle.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kosberg and Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Chair, Messrs. Brown, Berger, Hayduk, Daniel, Ms. Kozberg and Ms. Palmer.

18. Minutes

No minutes were presented.

- 19. Closed Session:** (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.)
Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Huebner v. State of California; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Real Parties in Interest); Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

No closed session was held.

20. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Questions were propounded by Mr. McKenney on status of the Rim of the Valley Trail.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chair regarding the Rim of the Valley Trail, and possible conference on the subject in memory of Marge Feinberg.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown regarding possible leakage from Calabasas landfill.

The Chair recommended that Mr. Brown fax notice of the landfill leakage matter to staff.

Questions were propounded by the Chair regarding Mountaingate area development.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman regarding Mountaingate area development comment letter likelihood.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Marter Kenyon regarding bill HR2372.

Comments were made by the Chair.

21. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 27, 2000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE
Chairperson